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**MEMORANDUM FOR :** Acting Chief, DFD  
**THROUGH :** Chief, Administrative Branch, DFD  
**SUBJECT :** GATES, Thomas S.  
 (Deputy Secretary of Defense)

1. Recently Mr. Gise, Assistant Director, ASDA, asked when we intended to brief the new Deputy Secretary of Defense, Mr. Thomas S. Gates. Mr. Gise expressed a need on the part of ASDA that Gates have a COMSEC briefing. The undersigned advised Gise that this certainly is appropriate and requested ASDA hold in abeyance such briefing until we could review the matter with Mr. Bissell.

2. As Gates undoubtedly will be involved in discussions, including our several programs, I would like to recommend an early briefing on all of our activities such as CHALICE, GUSTO, and COMSEC. It would seem preferable that this Division conduct or Mr. Bissell conduct such briefing promptly, rather than having briefings accomplished extemporaneously as problems occur.

3. I have indicated your decision on this matter will be promptly conveyed to ASDA.

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